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Mr. Lodge's King Charles's Head.

The Hon. HENRY CAROL LODGE of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations furnishes this Senate resolution.

"That when any harbor or other place in the American continent is so situated that the occupation thereof for naval or military purposes might threaten the communications or the safety of the United States the Government of the United States could not see without grave concern the possession of such harbor or other place by any corporation or association which has such a relation to another Government not American as to give that country practical control or control for national purposes.

Only four Senators voted nay. The country and the rest of the world now know that the Senate approves this purely "academic" resolution.

Having passed it, the pundits of the Senate explain it with much fortuity and resource. It is not an "extension" but an "application" of the Monroe Doctrine.

Also, it is "merely a statement of policy, allied to the Monroe Doctrine of course, but not necessarily dependent or growing out of it."

If "our communications with" anywhere in general or particular are threatened with interruption the State Department may be trusted to remonstrate, and if the case is serious and the disadvantage or peril obvious Congress may be trusted to defend the interests of the United States.

The trade of the United States with the countries to the south will be promoted by those railroad and terminal harbor improvements made largely by foreign corporations.

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Angels Ever Bright and Fair.

"Funds will be ample," such is the joyous promise made by the Hon. ANGELO PERKINS. The Harvest will be great though the contributors be few.

The United States Stealing is decent and honest, and besides it is mighty convenient.

Agadir and the Lodge Doctrine.

It would be difficult to imagine any precedent more unfortunate than that of Agadir, which Senator Lodge has invoked to sustain his inflation of the Monroe Doctrine.

By the treaty of 1901 and subsequent "secret" agreements Great Britain sold to France for "compensation" elsewhere in the world, notably in Egypt, her claim upon the Moroccan estate.

When Germany sent a warship to Agadir Great Britain interfered not to preserve the integrity of Morocco against the

aggression of European nations but to carry out a bargain with one European power, that is, to insure French occupation and prevent German.

If Agadir is to be the ruling precedent of the new Lodge doctrine, then the United States frankly undertakes not to guarantee the inviolability of American territories against European invasion or annexation, but to decide which among several nations we shall permit and assist to take foot on American soil.

Following the Agadir principle, this country might agree that Great Britain, for example, could occupy Venezuela, while declaring that Germany or Japan must not take foot in Mexico or Brazil.

The Agadir episode was not in any sense a precedent which can appeal to the people of this country. It was an incident in the partition of Africa provoked by a quarrel between several nations as to their respective shares.

On this occasion Great Britain frankly affirmed the right to decide which of two claimants should acquire Morocco, and by a thinly veiled menace of war gave vitality to the claim of France against that of Germany.

If Agadir is to be the model for the new Lodge doctrine, it is plain that this doctrine itself has not the slightest relation to the Monroe Doctrine as it has been understood for generations and sustained by the public opinion of this country.

No better evidence of the fatuity and unwisdom of the present Lodge proposal can possibly be found than that revealed in the appeal to the history of the recent Moroccan episode.

Agadir was a detail in a policy of partition; it was, in fact, the final step in the forcible violation of the Algeiras agreement, which in general terms proclaimed the neutrality of Morocco and established under the joint guarantee of the European Powers a Monroe Doctrine for the Sherifian Empire.

Man a Wild Animal to Be Domesticated.

An eminent ex-Premier of Great Britain, the Hon. ARTHUR BALFOUR, considers the function of eugenics to be the domestication of the wild animal man.

This statement was made before an assemblage which has for its mission the improvement of the human race. Starting as this proposition may appear, it is a truth testified in the hoary past by all stages of man's development.

The evidence upon which it is based is as trustworthy and logically correct as is "the testimony of the rocks" to the age of our planet. Evolution is the process which has wrought the marvel of twentieth century man out of the low type from which he has sprung through natural selection and survival of the fittest.

Step by step, imperceptibly to the subject himself, often halting, sometimes appearing to pause, man has been domesticated; that is, adapted to his high place in the scheme of nature. Now he is beginning to realize that he is becoming a conscious agent in his own betterment.

This noble and inspiring thought is the basis of a new science, eugenics, which may aid in the evolution of mankind to a higher and higher plane and by more rapid stages, if its methods do not deviate too broadly from the well proved slower processes of nature.

How imperfect the methods of man are in comparison with those of evolution is demonstrated by the first essay before the late congress on eugenics, which completely ignored the testimony of history and statistics in that it proposed to improve the race by multiplying the offspring. The author failed to prove his thesis and struggled in the mire of false logic without reaching a solution of the problem.

Nature, on the contrary, is solving the latter with silent force, as is her wont. She has produced great results; the twentieth century man, woman and child bear testimony to the perfection of her methods.

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This philosophic dergyman had prophetic vision. Full of the milk of human kindness and wise in his study of economics, he saw that the means of subsistence had never increased in proportion to the increase of population, and he pointed out clearly the inevitable menace of the latter to "the improvement of society."

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Country Births Deaths.

Table with 2 columns: Country, Births, Deaths. Includes Great Britain, Denmark, Norway, German Empire, Austria, Hungary, Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Italy.

The only countries in which the birth rate has increased are: Bulgaria, 11.4; Iceland, 11.4.

These show increase of death rate also. "Malthusian method" a term coined by Woods Hutchinson in lieu of the capacious "race suicide" is like all nature's cruel methods an evolutionary manifestation. No one will advocate these methods. The eugenicist should take cognizance of them, and modify the former as statesmen, econo-

mists and sanitarians have modified the latter and are still striving to abolish them. They should also take note of the fact that the reluctant mothers do not transmit their unnatural traits, because they have no progeny or a small number of children only.

Therefore in the course of time under the tardy, almost imperceptible laws of evolution this type of woman will disappear.

An African Hongkong.

A flattering but far from exaggerated description of the city of Dakar, a French colonial capital on the West African shore, supplied by a current Daily Consular and Trade Report, serves to call attention to one of the most interesting of African boom towns, which in the midst of present incidental prosperity looks forward to becoming an African Hongkong.

The present claims of Dakar to commercial rank are considerable. Between Algiers and Cape Town, it is the only African harbor provided with the equipment of a modern port and in addition it has the only safe harbor between Gibraltar and the Congo. Behind it railways and steamboats together insure rapid communication with Timbuktu and the great bend of the Niger, and when lines under construction are completed it will have nearly a thousand miles of uninterrupted railway service.

In addition Dakar has already become a great coaling station for French, German and Italian and in part British steamers serving the South American trade. Half way between western Europe and the Brazilian coast, its strategic position is unmistakable, and its superior resources have enabled it to supplant the Portuguese Islands as the coaling station of South American trade.

But Dakar looks forward to still greater prosperity when European engineers and financiers have carried out their plans for two great railways. One of these is to start at the Strait of Gibraltar and terminate at Dakar. This, with a train ferry connecting with Spanish railways at Algeiras, will give Europe a mail route to South America by which the water journey between Paris and Valparaiso will be reduced to four days.

The second railroad, the famous Trans-Saharan, will cross the desert from Oran or Algiers and following the Niger from Timbuktu unite all the French colonies from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic.

It is only a comparatively few years since Dakar was a native village upon a beach sheltered by the fortified island of Gorée; to-day it is a city with boulevards, electric lights, a modern water supply and all the circumstances of a European town. It is connected with Europe by cable and its telegraph lines reach Lake Chad, while mail steamers lie alongside its quays and the commerce of all French West Africa gradually turns toward its wharfs.

Canned provisions, canned music and canned history are three milestones in the march of civilization.—Philadelphia Record.

And in the fall we shall have canned Bull Moose.

"This is Revolution."—State Chairman HUTCHINSON.

A case of "La Révolution c'est moi," it would seem.

Silence on a material matter.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Be the matter material or immaterial, the silence is thrice welcome.

He the Colonel will clarify the muddled business situation.—The Hon. FRANK MURPHY.

Please read "scarify." The country has not forgotten 1907.

Evidently the Colonel believes he will not need the colored cavalry in his next battle.

Now that the Bull Moose party in Indiana has nominated BEVERIDGE the duty of the Republicans to select SHANK becomes imperative.

A LINCOLN REPUBLICAN.

But He Can't Stomach the Lincoln of Oyster Bay.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—I cannot understand how any considerable number of intelligent people want Theodore Roosevelt to be President again. He is a coarse grained man and of late his "true inwardness" has become more apparent. Theodore Roosevelt never was a noble minded man. Did he ever admit he was wrong in anything? Unless I am sadly misinformed, he never did.

"A man of force," yes, and a stupendous monument of selfishness and egotism. Dante puts ingratitude in the lowest pit. Surely Theodore Roosevelt is the chief of ingratitude.

I voted for every Republican President since Lincoln, but I cannot conceive of any power on earth that would induce me to cast a ballot for Theodore Roosevelt again. E. POWERS.

Vain Attempt to Complete With Colonel Roosevelt.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—I have for sale, price, ten millions, the perpetual motion system demonstrating it in a practical mechanical working order, from a crude machine produces more power than is put into it.

THE CROWNING OF KHAKHI.

Discussion of the Great Coronation Act at Chicago.

In accordance with the wish of the people the coronation proceedings are to be as plain as possible; no more pomp than is absolutely necessary for so solemn an occasion. Of course the more fact that the coronation procession is to be led by Prince Belvedere Beveridge means that a certain amount of verbal ceremony will be in order.

His rhetorical Roman candles will amuse the populace until the arrival of King Khakhi himself with his wimple outfit of bombs, sky-rockets, flower pots and pinwheels taken from old Harvester machines.

The Marquis of Finn contributed an elaborate fixed piece, one of the finest specimens of fireworks ever exhibited, showing The Conquest of Bossod, but it is stated that perhaps it will not be used, as the powder got a little wet in transit.

The most difficult question yet to be settled is the precise moment when it will be wisest to produce the King in person. He arrives Monday; but an old theatrical manager like Senato or Dixon knew that it is a mistake to let the star enter until the close of the first act. So it was at first decided not to have the King cross the stage until Tuesday.

But those who are better acquainted with his Majesty's temperament suggested that it might be difficult to keep him at the exit unless he were chained, and even then his voice might carry through the wings.

When King Khakhi was consulted on this important detail he said: "I leave it entirely to my managers. I know practically nothing about theatrical effects and do not believe in them. But as this is a nationwide drama we must think of the box office. I will not dictate. My own preference was to be allowed to appear Monday night, before the audience becomes windlogged."

This was his Majesty's polite way of saying that Prince Belvedere was a noted Marathon orator, second only in long distance speaking to the Pompadour Prince of Wisconsin.

Another somewhat unexpected change in the coronation programme is the altered position of the Southern negro delegates in the procession. At first "our noble colored subjects" were billed to appear in the front wing of the disfranchised voters from all sections. It has been an open secret about the court that King Khakhi wished to blot out the memory of Brownsville forever, but after a conference with certain Southern "Democratic" supporters the King feels that he is under no obligation to the colored race in view of the way they treated him at the Republican convention, especially as the entire Republican vote in certain Southern States is "negligible."

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Seth Bullock remarked that this all sounded very well, but that he was afraid that certain plain folk might observe that while the Bull Moose retained the support of the black element in the North he kicked their Southern brothers in the face. "It is a queer bronco," quoth Seth, "that will let a darky ride him in Massachusetts and then buck him in the moment he sets foot in Mississippi."

This stupid nonsense caused King Khakhi to come very near telling Seth that he was either a fool or an idiot.

"Don't you know by this time," said his Majesty, "that in the Progressive cause what may be black in one section is white in another? Murray Crane is blacker than printer's ink in Massachusetts in my eyes, but in Pennsylvania Honest Bill Flinn, a contracting Marquis in his own right, is as pure as driven snow. And so it is with the negro race in the North and in the South, and so it is with rich good manufacturers like Lord Harvester, the Earl of Perkins, and wicked black creatures such as John Wamaker, Nicholas Murray Butler, Joseph H. Choate and Henry Cabot Lodge, who are supporting the Usurper, Lincoln said: 'A negro in the South is negligible, but a negro in the North is a worthy delegate.'"

In view of these fundamental considerations, calling for "social justice," the Southern black delegates will march in the rear of the coronation procession. Indeed, some sceptics say that one will not be able to see them with the aid of a telescope.

Cheap Labor.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Some persons are writing to Governor Wilson that they are going to vote for him although they have heretofore cast their ballots for the Republican tickets in the national elections. They do not, however, state why they propose to support the Democratic nominee.

It is interesting to observe that a free trader and a theorist that those admirers would have him elected President and live to see the mills and factories all over the United States shut down and thousands of workmen rendered idle.

The manufacturer's goods of cheap labor from foreign countries would certainly bring the empty dinner pail and consequent disaster to competitive and almost all other business.

I do not believe the people of our country are ready to take a chance on changed conditions that would ensue upon the election of a Democratic President with free trade tendencies. PERRY LUKENS, JR.

News from West Virginia.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Why are you so cordially supporting Woodrow Wilson, when you were so bitter with Bryan, if that is not the case, for the things as claimed? If they do not stand for the same, will you kindly advise me as to the difference, and if, in your opinion, there is no difference, will you do me the favor to tell me when your paper became converted to Bryan's policies? Please publish this letter with your answer thereto. M. S. HOLT.

Price of Another Necessary of Life.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—In these really fair seasons for the constantly increasing price of gasoline? While there is a reduction of the cost of other auto accessories, or at least a stationary standard, "gas" is simply soaring. And the thousands of automobile owners fall for it without a murmur amid the general yelp about high prices. A PHENETIC MOTORIST.

The Mighty Julius Gravelled.

Cesar told his wife she should be above suspicion. "I am," she responded obediently, "I have arrived at certainty, my dear, that I have heard that he has been to give her a handsome present."

A POLITICAL CATECHISM.

Questions and Answers About the Ballot Box.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: Consider this Socratic disquisition: Q.—What is a President? A.—At present a gentleman sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

Q.—May he do as he likes? A.—No; for aside from his oath of office he earns a salary. No one who earns his salary may do as he likes.

Q.—Why not? A.—Because his likes and dislikes are unimportant. Salaried positions are created for the accomplishment of definite and impersonal ends.

Q.—What is a Republican? A.—One who has been deceived by his friends.

Q.—What is a Democrat? A.—One who has enough common sense to support his party.

Q.—What is a Roosevelt Progressive? A.—One who would rather be wrong than agree.

Q.—What is meant by "living softly"? A.—Doing what you like; living independently on an income; camping out among mosquitoes because you want to; or killing things.

Q.—What is meant by "living hard"? A.—Earning a livelihood; doing work whether you like it or not because you have to; camping out among mosquitoes because you cannot avoid doing so; or saving lives.

Q.—Is politics a sport? A.—Yes, in so far as one may use it for purposes of combat.

Q.—When is it not a sport? A.—When great ends are accomplished by overcoming individual differences; or in endeavoring to overcome such differences.

Q.—When is a man "flabby"? A.—The word is now applied to men who insist upon having evidence before rendering a decision.

Q.—When is a man not "flabby" but "strong"? A.—A "strong" man is now one who feels the need of no evidence in rendering a decision.

Q.—What value have these terms in politics? A.—None whatever.

Q.—Why did Judge Dillon of Ohio resign the nomination for Governor of that State? A.—He was too much of a gentleman to be explicit.

Q.—Why will ex-Senator Beveridge of Indiana run for Governor of that State on the Progressive or Moose ticket? A.—He doubtless thinks that he may as well run for something.

Q.—Why is the moose the emblem of the Progressive party? A.—It is the only animal wearing a bell of its own.

GAMBRIER, Ohio, August 2.

RICHARD STOCKTON'S TREES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Visitors to Princeton must remember the fine grove of shade trees on the far flung branches of what the lovely lawn of the Princeton Inn. A recent copy of the Princeton Press records the overthrow in one of the summer's electric storms of one of these ancient trees.

Its roots found one place of the Stockton estate, Morven. The old house, still standing, was a favorite resort for the patriots who in Revolutionary times made Princeton a common meeting place.

The cataclysm is supposed to have been brought about by a series of heavy rains in 1782 by Richard Stockton, the "Signer."

In 1876 John Frelinghuysen Hageman, a graduate of the class of 1837, published a "History of Princeton and its Institutions," in which he refers to Stockton's cataclysm.

For more than 100 years these ancient wilderness have borne testimony to the taste and unselfish instincts of this noble man. This long row of cataclysm in front of Morven can only be viewed as a sacred memorial to the signer of the Declaration. The Fourth day of July is the great day in Mr. Stockton's calendar, as it is in that of our country and these cataclysm, with the undeviating devotion to a mother and her daughter, these fraternal bowers were planted by his hand, and now neglected and unpruned must stand. Yet surely time and lofty cedars! Mourning devotion to a mother and her daughter; the friend who reared you, never to return. Ye Muses! whom he loved and cherished too. Bring from your groves the Cypress and the Yew; Deck with unfolding wreaths his sacred tomb and utter ye strains of fragrant bowers. These fraternal bowers were planted by his hand, and now neglected and unpruned must stand. Yet surely time and lofty cedars! 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